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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district finance by modifying
2 provisions relating to the calculation of the regular
3 program state cost per pupil and the regular program
4 district cost per pupil, and by establishing a supplementary
5 weighting plan for certain mandatory school district
6 transportation costs.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

STATE COST PER PUPIL

Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 5, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

5. *Alternate supplemental state aid — definitions.*

a. For budget years beginning July 1, 2000, and subsequent budget years, references to the terms “*supplemental state aid*”, “*regular program state cost per pupil*”, and “*regular program district cost per pupil*” shall mean those terms as calculated for those school districts that calculated regular program supplemental state aid for the school budget year beginning July 1, 1999, with the additional thirty-eight dollars specified in [section 257.8, subsection 4, Code 2013](#).

b. For budget years beginning July 1, 2017, and subsequent budget years, references to “*supplemental state aid*” and “*regular program state cost per pupil*” shall mean those terms as calculated including the additional amounts for specified budget years under section 257.9, subsection 2, paragraphs “*b*” and “*c*”, and references to “*regular program district cost per pupil*” shall mean that term including any adjustments made under section 257.10, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Section 257.9, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

2. *Regular program state cost per pupil for 1992-1993 and succeeding years.*

a. For the budget year beginning July 1, 1992, and succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2017, the regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

b. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus five dollars.

c. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular

1 program state cost per pupil is the regular program state
2 cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
3 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus ten dollars.

4 d. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, and
5 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2027, the
6 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
7 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the
8 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year,
9 plus twenty dollars.

10 e. For the budget year beginning July 1, 2027, and
11 succeeding budget years, the regular program state cost per
12 pupil for a budget year is the regular program state cost per
13 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental
14 state aid for the budget year.

15 Sec. 3. Section 257.10, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended
16 by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. For the budget year beginning July 1,
18 2017, and succeeding budget years, if the regular program
19 district cost per pupil for the budget year calculated under
20 this subsection in any school district is less than the
21 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year, the
22 department of management shall increase the regular program
23 district cost per pupil of that district to an amount equal to
24 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

25 DIVISION II

26 SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING

27 Sec. 4. Section 257.11, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
28 following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *School district transportation costs.*

30 a. In order to provide additional funds for school district
31 transportation costs resulting from the transportation of
32 resident pupils required by chapter 285, a supplementary
33 weighting plan for such pupils is adopted.

34 b. Each school district shall be assigned a supplementary
35 weighting amount as follows:

1 (1) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, ten percent
2 of the combined weighting amount calculated under paragraph
3 "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

4 (2) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, twenty
5 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
6 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

7 (3) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2019, thirty
8 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
9 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

10 (4) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2020, forty
11 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
12 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

13 (5) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, fifty
14 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
15 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

16 (6) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2022, sixty
17 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
18 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

19 (7) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2023, seventy
20 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
21 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

22 (8) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, eighty
23 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
24 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

25 (9) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2025, ninety
26 percent of the combined weighting amount calculated under
27 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), for that budget year.

28 (10) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2026, and each
29 succeeding budget year, one hundred percent of the combined
30 weighting amount calculated under paragraph "c", subparagraph
31 (2), for that budget year.

32 c. (1) (a) *Transportation cost factor.* For each budget
33 year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, the department of
34 management shall calculate for each school district all of the
35 following:

1 (i) The sum of the school district's total transportation
2 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under
3 chapter 285 for the three years immediately preceding the base
4 year.

5 (ii) The sum of the school district's regular program
6 district cost for the three years immediately preceding the
7 base year, excluding amounts attributable to budget adjustments
8 received under section 257.14.

9 (iii) The school district's budget enrollment multiplied by
10 the quotient of the school district's amount under subparagraph
11 subdivision (i) divided by the school district's amount under
12 subparagraph subdivision (ii).

13 (iv) The school district's amount under subparagraph
14 subdivision (iii) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated
15 under subparagraph subdivision (iii) for all school districts.

16 (v) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
17 (iv) multiplied by fifty percent of the sum of all school
18 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation
19 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding the
20 base year.

21 (vi) The quotient of the amount calculated under
22 subparagraph subdivision (v) divided by the regular program
23 state cost per pupil for the base year.

24 (b) *Budget enrollment factor.* For each budget year
25 beginning on or after July 1, 2017, the department of
26 management shall calculate for each school district all of the
27 following:

28 (i) The quotient of the school district's budget enrollment
29 divided by the statewide total budget enrollment multiplied by
30 five percent of the sum of all school districts' transportation
31 costs incurred for the transportation of pupils required under
32 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year.

33 (ii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
34 (i) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for the
35 base year.

1 (c) *Route miles factor.* For each budget year beginning
2 on or after July 1, 2017, the department of management shall
3 calculate for each school district all of the following:

4 (i) The quotient of the school district's total route
5 miles traveled for the transportation of pupils required under
6 chapter 285 for the year preceding the base year divided by the
7 school district's budget enrollment.

8 (ii) The school district's amount under subparagraph
9 subdivision (i) divided by the sum of the amounts calculated
10 under subparagraph subdivision (i) for all school districts.

11 (iii) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
12 (ii) multiplied by forty-five percent of the sum of all school
13 districts' transportation costs incurred for the transportation
14 of pupils required under chapter 285 for the year preceding the
15 base year.

16 (iv) The amount calculated under subparagraph subdivision
17 (iii) divided by the regular program state cost per pupil for
18 the base year.

19 (2) The combined weighting amount for each school district
20 is the sum of the following:

21 (a) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
22 subparagraph division (a), subparagraph subdivision (vi).

23 (b) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
24 subparagraph division (b), subparagraph subdivision (ii).

25 (c) The amount calculated under subparagraph (1),
26 subparagraph division (c), subparagraph subdivision (iv).

27 d. Funding received by a school district as the result of
28 supplementary weighting under this subsection shall not affect
29 a school district's eligibility for transportation assistance
30 under section 257.31, subsection 17.

31 e. Funding received by a school district as the result
32 of supplementary weighting under this subsection shall be
33 used only for transportation costs incurred in providing
34 transportation to pupils required by chapter 285.

35 f. On or before December 1, 2022, and on or before December

1 every five years thereafter, the director of the department
2 of education shall compile and review the data collected as
3 a result of the supplementary weighting provided under this
4 subsection and shall prepare a report to the general assembly
5 containing analysis of the supplementary weighting plan's
6 efficacy and recommendations for changes.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to school district finance by modifying
11 provisions relating to the calculation of the regular program
12 state cost per pupil and the regular program district cost
13 per pupil and establishing a supplementary weighting plan for
14 certain mandatory school district transportation costs.

15 Division I of the bill relates to the determination of the
16 regular program state cost per pupil and the determination of
17 regular program state cost per pupil for school districts.
18 Those amounts are used to determine supplemental state aid
19 amounts for each school budget year, determining the budget
20 authority for each school district, and determining amounts
21 of preschool foundation aid for schools participating in the
22 statewide preschool program for four-year-old children under
23 Code chapter 256C.

24 Current Code section 257.9 provides that for the budget
25 year beginning July 1, 1992, and succeeding budget years, the
26 regular program state cost per pupil for a budget year is the
27 regular program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the
28 regular program supplemental state aid for the budget year.

29 Under the bill, for the budget year beginning July 1, 2017,
30 the regular program state cost per pupil is the regular program
31 state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular program
32 supplemental state aid for the budget year, plus \$5. For
33 the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, the regular program
34 state cost per pupil is the regular program state cost per
35 pupil for the base year plus the regular program supplemental

1 state aid for the budget year, plus \$10. For the budget year
2 beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding budget years beginning
3 before July 1, 2027, the regular program state cost per pupil
4 is the regular program state cost per pupil for the base
5 year plus the regular program supplemental state aid for the
6 budget year, plus \$20. Then with the budget year beginning
7 July 1, 2027, and succeeding budget years, the regular program
8 state cost per pupil will again be calculated as the regular
9 program state cost per pupil for the base year plus the regular
10 program supplemental state aid for the budget year without any
11 additional amount added.

12 The bill amends Code section 257.10 to provide that if
13 the regular program district cost per pupil for the budget
14 year calculated in any school district is less than the
15 regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year, the
16 department of management shall increase the regular program
17 district cost per pupil of that district to an amount equal to
18 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

19 Division II of the bill establishes a supplementary
20 weighting plan for school district transportation costs
21 resulting from the transportation of pupils as required under
22 Code chapter 285.

23 The bill establishes a methodology for calculating the
24 amount of supplementary weighting assigned to each school
25 district. The calculation is made using school district
26 transportation cost data, school district enrollment data, and
27 school district transportation route mile data. The amount of
28 the supplementary weighting is phased in over a period of 10
29 school budget years beginning with the budget year beginning
30 July 1, 2017.

31 The bill specifies that funding received by a school
32 district as the result of supplementary weighting in the
33 bill does not affect a school district's eligibility for
34 transportation assistance granted by the school budget review
35 committee and requires that funding received by a school

1 district as the result of the supplementary weighting be
2 used only for transportation costs incurred in providing
3 transportation to those pupils specified in the bill.

4 The bill requires the director of the department of
5 education to, on or before December 1, 2022, and on or before
6 December 1 every five years thereafter, compile and review
7 the data collected as a result of the supplementary weighting
8 provided in the bill and to prepare a report to the general
9 assembly containing analysis of the supplementary weighting
10 plan's efficacy and recommendations for changes.